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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: March 24, 2015

SUBJECT: **CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI RESOLUTION**

Attached for your information is Resolution No. 045-15-14353, adopted by the Mayor and Commission of the City of South Miami on March 17, 2015.

A Resolution Of The City Of South Miami Opposing The Proposed Development Of Pine Rockland Acreage Near Zoo Miami Located In Unincorporated Miami-Dade County.

The Clerk of the City of South Miami has requested that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Miami Beach Mayor and Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 305.673.7411.

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Attachment

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**RESOLUTION NO. 014-15-14353**

**A Resolution of the City of South Miami opposing the proposed development of pine rockland acreage near Zoo Miami located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County.**

**WHEREAS**, forest land generally located at Southwest 152 Street and Southwest 127 Avenue, near Zoo Miami, in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, is being considered for development as a mixed use project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property consists of one of the last intact tracts of endangered pine rockland ("Rockland") within Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, pine rockland is a globally imperiled habitat containing an array of plants, animals, and insects which are rare and exclusive to that habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the endangered species for which Rockland provides a habitat include the bald eagle, indigo snake, the Florida bonneted bat, and two rare butterflies; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the development process, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners will consider declaring the area blighted; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Miami (the "City") is concerned about the loss of this valuable Rockland and desires to express its opposition to the development of the Property.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** That the City of South Miami hereby opposes the designation of the pine rockland property near Zoo Miami as blighted and further opposes the development of this natural area – one of the last intact tracts of endangered pine rockland within Miami-Dade County.

**Section 2. City Clerk.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this Resolution to the Mayor and County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida and all elected municipal officials in Miami-Dade County.

**Section 3. Severability.** If any section clause, sentence, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

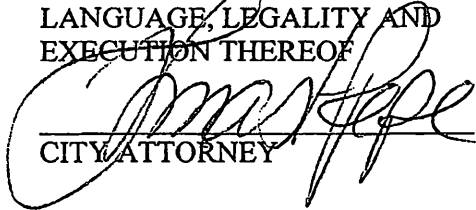
**Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by vote of the City Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM,  
LANGUAGE, LEGALITY AND  
EXECUTION THEREOF

  
CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR

COMMISSION VOTE:	5-0
Mayor Stoddard:	Yea
Vice Mayor Harris:	Yea
Commissioner Edmond:	Yea
Commissioner Liebman:	Yea
Commissioner Welsh:	Yea